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PROCESSING TO PROVIDE ) Customer No.: 022855  
IMPROVED RESIDUAL STRESS )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicant hereby submits the following Preliminary Amendment:

Amendments to the Specification: None.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings: None.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 1 of this paper.